some standard publications, there were protests. I should say that the Text Book Committee have done their best in fixing the prices. No question was ever raised in this House as far as I am aware, with regard to the printing and publishing of books relating to secondary classes by Government previously.

MEDICAL INSPECTION IN SCHOOLS.

168. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*): Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement regarding the medical inspection of schools in the State in each of the schools;

(*a*) the number of students inspected:

(*b*) the nature of disease, etc., during the last year?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a* & *b*) A statement containing the particulars is placed on the table.

FINES FOR DEFAULT OF FEES—COLLECTION OF.

169. Mr. C. V Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(*a*) whether fines are collected for the default of school or college fees in both Government and Aided Educational Institutions in the State;

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative, the rates of fines collected—

(*i*) College Department,
(*ii*) High School Department,
(*iii*) Lower Secondary Department,
(*iv*) Primary classes,
(*v*) Industrial Schools,
(*vi*) Trade Schools,
(*vii*) Training Institute,
(*viii*) Music Institute;

(*c*) whether the names of pupils are removed for non-payment of fees;

(*d*) if t e answer is in the affirmative after how many days default;

(*e*) whether the Government have noted that certain pupils and students discontinue due to inability to pay fines;

(*f*) if the answer is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to supply the caste-war statement of such discontinuing students or pupils?

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Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) Fines are collected in the Government College, the literary schools (Government and aided) and all the sections of the G T. School, Trichur, except the industrial and art sections. In the Art section it is re-admission fee in lieu of fine. Fines are not collected in the industrial schools and the industrial section of the G. T. School, Trichur.

(*b*) (*i*) Annas two per day up to a maximum of Rs. 3.

(*ii*) Annas eight per week up to a maximum of Rs. 1—8—0 in the Upper Secondary Department.

(*iii*) Annas four per week up to a maximum of annas eight.

(*iv*) Annas two per week up to a maximum of annas four in the Primary Department of English Schools.

(*v*) Nil.

(*vi*) Trade School, Trichur—Commercial, Motor mechanism and Electrical Wireman's sections—4 annas a week. In the Art section a re-admission fee of annas two for two weeks.

(*vii*) As in the case of (*iii*) and (*iv*) above so far as Model School pupils are concerned and that of (*ii*) and (*iii*) as regards pupil teachers in the Secondary and Elementary grades.

(*viii*) Annas four a week up to a maximum of annas eight in the Preliminary section; annas eight a week up to a maximum of Rs. 1 8—0 in the junior section; annas two per day up to a maximum of Rs. 3 in the senior section.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) If the student fail to pay fees with fine accrued till the maximum limit of fine fixed. In the Commercial, Motor mechanism and Electrical Wireman's sections, after two weeks from the fee date, but in the Art section the name will be removed if fee is not paid on the due date.

(*e*) No such instance has come to the notice.

(*f*) Does not arise.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have any objection to reduce the fines uniformly by 75 per cent?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): That is a wide question which involves financial repercussions and it is not possible for me at this stage to answer this question finally and in a satisfactory manner.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Do Government collect fines for the purpose of improving the finances of the State?

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Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): I did not say that they are collected for any such purpose. If we do not insist on the fines, there will be a lot of delay in paying the fees.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Will not a small fine satisfy the purpose?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): It is all a matter of opinion, because the effect of this particular fine is deterrent.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur South*): May I know the approximate amount collected by way of these fines?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): It varies from year to year. No specific anticipation is made in the budget. As regards, the figures, I want notice.

Mr. V. J. Mathai (*Planters*): What is the state of affairs so far as the aided educational institutions are concerned?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): They also levy fines.

SINKING FUND—STATE RAILWAY

170. Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any provision for Sinking Fund for the State Railway;

(*b*) if the answer to question (*a*) is in the negative, will the Government be pleased to move the Railway Authorities to provide for a Sinking Fund?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Comptroller of Finance and Accounts*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) Government do not propose to move the Railway Authorities in the matter.

Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): May I know, Sir, whether the Government are aware that if there was a sinking fund we could have utilised it for the conversion of the meter gauge into broad gauge.

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Comptroller of Finance and Accounts*): Then that sinking fund has to be built up. The expenditure incurred all on a sudden would have been spread over 20 or 30 years.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar (*Nemmara*): May I know, Sir, whether there is any difference between the accumulation of sinking fund and the meeting of the expenditure all at once as a capital expenditure?

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